

July 30, 1942

W. J. HONEY RITES HELD ON TUESDAY

DEATH OF VETERAN MERCHANT-
FARMER STUNS FAMILY
AND FRIENDS

Friends and neighbors of W. J. Honey, veteran merchant and farmer of the Putney vicinity, were stunned with grief and regret as they learned of his tragic death, which occurred at his home early Sunday morning. He had been in failing health for a number of years, suffering from anemia, which was gradually aggravated by a heart ailment and arterial sclerosis. All of it taken together became a greater burden than he could bear.

Both he and his wife had spent the night at the home of their son, Leslie, but the deceased awoke early and complained that his nerves would not permit him to remain in bed. Arising about six o'clock he drove to his own home at Putney, where he was found dead a few hours later, by his own hand, according to the verdict of county officials called to the scene.

He had resided in the Putney community throughout his adult life, coming there from Edmonton, Canada, as a lad of 16, where he lived with his grandparents. He was a native of Ontario, Canada, born there January 23, 1879, coming with his parents to Dakota Territory and later going back to Canada with his grandparents.

He was married to Miss Margaret McKinnon on September 5, 1901, at Putney, and three sons were born to the union, one of whom, George, died at the age of two. Surviving him are his wife and two sons, William and Leslie, both of Putney.

Starting his career as a farmer, he engaged in the mercantile business in Putney for about 17 years, quitting the store in 1926 on account of failing health. During his long career as a business man and a farmer he acquired an enviable reputation for business integrity, a Groton business man describing him as "the squarest man I have ever dealt with."

A large circle of friends of the bereaved and sorrowing family extend sympathy and the hand of fellowship in their hour of sore trial.

The funeral rites were held in the Paetznick Funeral Home here on Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. L. C. Benson of the Methodist church officiating. Committal rites were in charge of the Groton Masonic lodge and interment was made in the Groton Union cemetery.